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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove released the following statement today regarding the passage of a nationwide ban on "partial birth" abortions by the U.S. House of Representatives:

"We have worked together to make Mississippi abortion laws among the strongest in the nation. Partial birth abortions are already banned in Mississippi. In addition, parents of minors seeking an abortion must be notified and we require a waiting period before an abortion can be performed. As governor, I have given my full support to protecting the rights of unborn children. I commend the House's courageous vote and urge the Senate to pass similar legislation. Life is a gift that must be protected, and partial-birth abortion has no place in a humane society. For me, this is not a political issue, it is a matter of saving lives."

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